

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are independent. Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

On pages 2 and 3, the Office Action objects to claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8. Applicant thanks Examiner Nobahar for the helpful suggestions and hereby amends the claims in accordance with those suggestions. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2

On page 3, the Office Action rejects claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant hereby deletes "said" before the first occurrence of the cited terms to resolve the antecedent issue. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

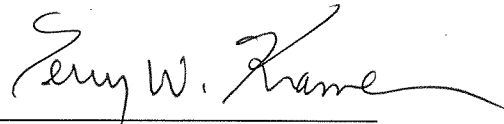
While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or

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suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,
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